

To Advertisers & the Public

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JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST has a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful printing type, and is prepared to execute at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper must be prepaid at the following rates: For Births and Marriages, \$1.00; for Deaths, \$1.00, with funeral notice, \$1.50.

THE QUESTION AT ISSUE IN METCHOSIN.

It has been remarked by a modern Macchiavelli that "there are some who write, talk, and think so much about virtue that they really have no time to practice it." To paraphrase the saying, we might with truth assert that the free-trade politicians prate so much about liberality that they really have no time to indulge in it. From beginning to end they are themselves selfishness personified, and selfishness carried to the narrow-mindedness which is best described as "penny wisdom and pound foolishness." They bind down the Island as a helpless dependent of Washington Territory and the adjoining American States, and ask the British portion of our population to support them as beneficiaries of the colony. They enter into contracts with the farmers of a foreign country, and make that a valid excuse for ignoring the agricultural capacity of Vancouver Island. They tell the settler that agricultural articles fetch most remunerative prices in Victoria, and when the Island farmer comes into town with his produce, on the great principles of free trade they tell him they are sorry they cannot purchase his potatoes or his grain, because they have entered into arrangements with the farmers on "the other side." When they are told that they ought to encourage home production, they answer that Vancouver Island can never be an agricultural country; when this libel is exposed and they have not the remotest of a rag to cover the absurdity of their ruinous doctrine; they say our farmers are loafers and have neither the ability nor the inclination to ply their vocation. In every instance they rely for support on the grossest fabrications. They are ready at all times to libel the country and libel the settler. The very men who will stand up today to ask the farmers of Metchosis, Dr. Ash, will, if they are asked why there is not more produce raised on the Island, reply glibly that we have no farmers, and if we had there is no land for them to cultivate. The burden of their song has been from the commencement, the trading of the Island and its resources. With a consistency that is in keeping with their general demeanor they say at one moment we have no extent of agricultural land and in the next call lustily for immigration. They tell us, as the *Chronicle* does yesterday, that there are now no land speculators in the colony because the taxation on the speculator's land at present is equal to the land's original cost. As the taxation is one per cent. on the value of the property, it necessarily follows that if it is equal to the original cost, the land must have increased in value the nice little figure of ten thousand per cent. This is the sort of logic with which the farmers are treated. Land speculation has ceased because the speculators, poor unfortunate fellows, are only making a hundred dollars on every dollar they originally expended! To take the most preposterous assertions and treat them in the most preposterous manner is the argumentum ad judicium of the party calling itself free port. If we detailed the most noisy patientism bedlam as a corps of politicians, we could not, in as many words, get so much incoherency or so much blatant nonsense. And these are the men who will mildly request the farmers of Metchosis today to vote for Dr. Ash. If they would first ask the settler to what his razor and draw it across his own throat they would perform a more humane duty.

We have already alluded to the fact that Metchosis is the only agricultural constituency in the colony which returns a free port member. There is not a really practical intelligent farmer in any other district but sows in free port the ruin of the agricultural interest—not one but knows that it would sacrifice to-morrow every home industry, if it could be only certain of retaining its paltry trade with Puget Sound. To preserve this trade its supporters are actually paying the foreign producer a bonus—they are taking his articles in preference to those grown on the Island. They will not make roads, because roads conduce to settlement and to the profit of the farmer. They will not tax foreign produce as it ought to be taxed, because that would compel them to buy from the Island settler. They will, in fact, do nothing but blusteringly declare that Victoria is Vancouver Island and that the farmer must depend on Victoria and it alone for his market, and all the while they take every means to ruin him by keeping him isolated from the town during the winter through bad roads, and by offering him when he does reach town about half the price they pay the farmer at Whidby Island and Puget Sound. If the electors of Metchosis are content with this state of things—if they have all grown rich through Dr. Helmecken's political, we will not say medical advice, if the free port has enabled them to build palatial residences and live like country gentlemen, we would say by all means vote for Dr. Ash. If on the other hand they are not content with the present state of things, if they are more ambitious than to play second fiddle to the farmers of the American territory; if they desire a better market for their produce, and a better price for it when they bring it to market; if in fact they want to live as farmers ought in every new country to live—prosperous and happy—let them then to a man vote for Mr. Elliott. No one better knows their wants, no one is more familiar with the farming statistics of the country, and no one has done more for the farmer in an individual capacity through the Agricultural Society. If the voters of Metchosis are independent men, they will vote for Mr. Elliott; if they are intelligent men and

understand their own interest they will vote for Mr. Elliott; if they are grateful men and are willing to recognize the services of those who have worked for them (they will vote for Mr. Elliott). Two courses are before them: the manly straightforward pathway that leads to honor and to profit, and the devious road that leads to the mess of pottage and inevitable ruin. Will they accept Dr. Ash and the mess of pottage?

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VANEL COAL.

Of this celebrated Coal, having just been received.

100 TONS!

Ex "Cyclone," from Liverpool

Is now offered for sale by the undersigned, at a slight advance on Nanaimo Coal. Its superiority is well known for Parlor and Saloon purposes, producing, as it does, a

Brilliant and Cheerful Fire!

The economy of its use, in view of the almost

ABSENCE OF ASH AND REFUSE,

As compared with other coal, is indisputable.

Orders left at the office will be filled with the utmost promptness.

R. BRODRICK,
Union and City Wharves.

WATT IRON WORKS.

LAMONT & MORTON,

MACHINISTS,

Iron Founders & Boiler Makers,

Store Street,

VICTORIA, V.I.

THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF

this and the neighboring Colony have experienced no greater or more vexatious impediment to their development, than the impossibility of obtaining suitable Machinery at reasonable prices.

A New Foundry has become a

great public want.

To supply this desideratum, we have commenced business as above, and are determined to give our supporters the most extensive and complete stock of the most improved and reliable

STEAMBOAT, MILL, AND MINING

MACHINERY,

Steam Boilers,

Of the most superior quality and workmanship,

VERY MUCH LOWER!

Than they have hitherto been charged,

not only in this City, but in

SAN FRANCISCO!

From our long practical experience, acquired in some of the largest establishments in England, the Eastern States, and California, are confident of being able to give entire satisfaction, and we trust that the Public Companies, and all parties requiring machinery made or repaired, will see that it is their interest to accord us a liberal patronage.

LAMONT & MORTON.

Oct 20 1m 2p

Royal Hospital Benefit.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL

Hospital beg to take this means of thanking

Mr. Fanny Morgan Phelps for her generous

and liberal gift, for the benefit of the

Royal Hospital.

J. S. HELMECKEN, President.

Oct 20

VICTORIA

Rifle Volunteers Corps.

General Orders for the week ending Saturday,

21st October.

No. 2 COMPANY,

Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m., at the

Drill Hall.

By order of the Managing Committee.

Oct 15

NOTICE.

I HEREBY AUTHORISE MR. E.

MALLANDRINE, of Government street, Victoria,

to collect and receipt for my bills relating to the

"Cariboo Sentinel."

GEO. WALLACE, Proprietor, "Cariboo Sentinel,"

Barkerville, Williams Creek, 7th October, 1865.

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Liquor Licenses.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the next quarterly Instalment is due and

payable at the Treasury, on Saturday, the 21st inst.

By order of His Excellency the Governor.

ALEXANDER WATSON, Oct 20 1w

Treasury Office, Oct. 19, 1865.

TO LET.

IN NEW WESTMINSTER, THAT

large three-story frame building known as

The "Columbia Ho"

lately occupied by the Telegraph Company, at the

very low rent of \$400 per month.

Apply to W. H. BUIR, Victoria.

TO LEASE.

A well-stocked Farm,

ON THE FRASER RIVER, B. C.

For particulars apply to W. H. NEWTON,

Hudson Bay Co. Store Victoria, V.I.

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BRICKS FOR SALE.

500,000 BRICKS FOR SALE, OF

the best quality, at the brick-field

north end of Government street.

Apply to A. PORTER, At the Brick-field.

Peterborough Hall!

SOUTH SAANICH.

PETER LIND HAVING DISPOSED

of the South Saanich Hotel, has removed to

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

QUEEN CHARLOTTE

Coal Mining Company

(LIMITED.)

Capital, £30,000,

IN 15,000 SHARES OF £2 EACH.

Incorporated under the British Columbia

Joint Stock Companies' Act, 1859, which

specialty limits each Shareholder's liability

to the amount of his shares.

DIRECTORS: THOMAS TROUBLE, Esq., Chairman; JAMES

DICKSON, Esq., M. D.; C. HOUNSLOW, Esq.,

WM. P. RAYWARD, Esq.; JAMES MOORE,

HEAD, Esq.; J. B. TIMMEHANN, Esq.; G.

VEREYDIEN, Esq.

WM. P. RAYWARD—TREASURER.

J. P. WILLYS—SECRETARY.

TEMPORARY OFFICES—Columbia street, West

Minister.

—Langley street, Victoria.

Mining Superintendent—Geo. ROBINSON, Esq.

This Company has been formed for the purpose

of developing and working several extensive and

valuable seams of Anthracite Coal lately discovered

in Queen Charlotte Island.

At present this is the only mine of pure Anthracite

Coal known to exist on the Pacific Coast, and from the

large and increasing quantity required and shipped to San Francisco and other ports

the discovery is one of great importance and value.

The Company have had reserved to them by the

Government Twenty Thousand Acres for mining

purposes, five thousand of which is so mining

ground (presently) by lease at the nominal rent of

\$100 per annum, with the additional privilege of

purchasing 1000 acres at \$1 per acre for a town

site.

The coal seams, from three to seven feet in

thickness, are situated on the South of Graham

Island, Queen Charlotte group, about 2000 yards

from the shore of a fine Bay and about 400 feet

above the level of the sea, the construction of an

easy and inexpensive wharf about one mile in

length, together with a wharf of about 150 feet

projection, are all that the Company will require to

enable them to offer coal in the market.

The quality of the coal has been fairly tested.

The engineers of several of the steamers have

pronounced it to be of the very best quality; it

has also been used by the proprietors of the

ships in the city of Victoria whose reports are annexed,

and declared by them to be equal if not superior to the best

Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal.

The great advantage of the position of the mine

cannot be brought too prominently to the notice

of intending Shareholders, its close proximity to the

coast, together with its superior quality renders it of great

value, also an easy access to the mine, a number of

small creeks, a safe and commodious harbor perfectly

sheltered and land locked with secure and good anchorage,

all seasons and weather to load at the Company's wharf.

The large demand for anthracite coal to supply

factories, steamers, &c., &c., in San Francisco, Portland, Victoria and other ports, all of which

have been supplied from the Eastern States or from Europe at a great expense, the selling

price ranging according to quality from \$16 to \$25 in some

markets, and the fact that the Company will be able to

supply a large and increasing demand for coal, and that

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

Real Estate.

Johnson and Blanchard

Street Property.

First-class investment for Speculators

or parties desirous of comfortable Homes.

MONDAY, Oct. 21st,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.,

We are instructed by

Michael Carey, Esq.,

—TO SELL—

WITHOUT RESERVE,

AT OUR ROOMS,

FORT STREET, NEAR WHARF.

ON THE ABOVE DAY.

That desirable Dwelling House and Lot, corner

of Blanchard and — streets,

in the rear of the Presbyterian Church. The Lot is

60x120, with a six-roomed House, hard finished throughout. The

Garden is well stocked with fruit trees, and neatly fenced all round with an

ornamental fence; in the rear is an excellent well of never-failing water,

stable, outhouses, etc. It is at present rented to Mr. Adams, of Yates street,

at \$22 per month.

TERMS— $\frac{1}{2}$ cash; $\frac{1}{4}$ at 2 months. \$800 can remain on mortgage for one or

more years, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per month interest.

—ALSO—

Lot 147, Johnson street, 60x120, one lot from

the corner of Blanchard, with two dwelling Houses, of 4 rooms each, thereon,

both hard-finished. To each house there are

stables and other outbuildings; also a well, with a force-pump, for the use of

both. One of the houses is rented at present by Mr. Bushell, at \$20 per

month, and the other at \$25 by another party.

TERMS— $\frac{1}{2}$ cash; $\frac{1}{4}$ at 2 months. \$1000 can remain on mortgage for one or

more years, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per month interest.

—ALSO—

Lot 1057, Yates street, a full sized lot 40x120

fenced all round. On the lot is a well of superior water. Title guaranteed, and

all taxes paid.

TERMS.—CASH.

